Travancoreans graduated from the Engineering College, Madras.

111 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Travancoreans who have taken their degree from the Engineering College, Madras, during the last four years ;

(*b*) the number of such persons who have been appointed in the P. W. Department till now ;

(*c*) the number of such qualified persons still unemployed ; and

(*d*) the number of unqualified hands in the department acting as Supervisors ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : (*a*) 17.

(*b*) 10 Engineering graduates and one diploma holder.

(*c*) Five Engineer students of the Madras Engineering College who have completed their practical training only recently are available for recruitment and no information is available as to how many are unemployed.

(*d*) Ten.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Sir, in answer to part (b) it is stated that 10 Engineering graduates and one diploma holder were appointed. With reference to that answer may I know whether there are any foreigners employed as Supervisors and Sub-Division Officers in the Water Works and Drainage Department ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know the number ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : About 8 or 9. I am not sure.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know Sir, whether they were employed in Travancore Government service under a condition that when qualified Travancoreans are available they will have to give up their service ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : There was a condition like that *viz.* that if qualified Travancoreans are available non-Travancoreans in service will not be confirmed.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : In view of the fact that there are 10 unemployed graduates from the Madras University now in Travancore may I know why the foreigners should continue in service ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Government is seriously considering that question.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know Sir, for how long this question has been under consideration ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : When qualified Travancoreans became available we started considering that question.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know Sir, when they became available ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Only within the last few months ?

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MR KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know Sir, whether all these 10 people were passed out during last year?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Yes. They were passed out last year.

MR KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : If my information is correct I think there are only three or four graduates of the Madras Engineering College. Then may I know how 10 people were stated as passed candidates from the Engineering College last year?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : It seems Sir, there is a mistake in the question that was put in the House. The ten include not only degree holders but also those who have passed the Upper Subordinate course.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know the number of students who were given stipends?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Usually four are given stipend for the degree class and four for the Upper Subordinate course.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Then how is it that ten people are unemployed when only eight were sent to the Engineering College?

MR. J W. CHACKO : Every year all of the students that go to the College do not get their degree and at the same time one may fail and appear again.

Appointment of a permanent Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

112 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the reasons for not appointing a permanent Registrar of Co-operative Societies; and

(*b*) whether the question of appointing a permanent Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been considered by Government and if so, their decision in the matter?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) The work of the Department in its present condition is not such as to require a full time officer.

(*b*) Yes. A part time officer has already been appointed.

Revision of the list of Gazetted Officers.

113 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have reconsidered the question of declaring the P. W. D. Supervisors, Forest Range Officers and the Co-operative Inspectors as Gazetted officers;

(*b*) whether they have considered the question of revising and re-examining the list of Gazetted officers; and

(*c*) if the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the Financial Secretary's duties*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In regard to (*b*) further action is in progress.

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